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It felt like -50 C last night

While the mercury hovered around -30 C Tuesday afternoon, overnight temperatures dropped to -36 C and felt like -50 C. The frigid temperatures are expected until Saturday, when Calgary may see a high near 0 C.

City drug program's demise leads to rise in needle use: Group

Alberta Health Services ordered an end to the distribution of crack pipes in August Legality of program remains a mystery

Frontline workers attempting to aid drug addicts say they have noticed a disturbing trend since Alberta's governing health body ordered an end to the distribution of crack pipes.

A harm-reduction group known as Safeworks had been offering the devices in Calgary for more than three years in hopes of curbing the spread of disease and generating first contact with drug

In August, however, just as Vancouver was planning to launch a similar program, scrutiny of the program emerged in a local media publication.

Citing potential legal issues, Alberta Health Services ordered an end to the pipe distribution shortly after.

Now, five months later, outreach workers like Nicole Bealing with support agency Alpha House say the closure has led to a "huge step backwards."

In Vancouver

Aiyanas Ormond with the Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users said demand outstripped supply during December, the first month of its crack-pipe-distribution pilot. He also said the group is reaching more addicts than ever before as a result.

"We have noticed a significant increase in clients using needles since the program at Safeworks was closed," she said, noting that in November the group doled out twice as many needle kits to drug users than it typically did when the crack-pipe program was run-

Advocates believe using needles over pipes increases the risk of spreading HIV. Bealing added that while the Safeworks pipes were made of glass, others are metal and more likely to create

sores on a user's lips.

Alpha House isn't alone in its fears either.

"The life expectancy of a home-less Calgarian is 48," said Debbie Newman, executive director of the Calgary Drop-In Centre, in a written statement. "Homeless Calgarians are vulnerable and require innovative programs that prevent the spread of disease.'

A spokesperson for Alberta Health Services pointed out that Safeworks continues to offer other harm-reduction services, but shed little light on whether the group would ever return to distributing pipes.

Bealing, meanwhile, says Alpha House members will continue to reach out to addicts, but fears the deck may be further stacked against them going forward.

"It's very frustrating," she said. You kind of start to wonder what else might be taken away."

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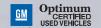


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Alberta town video stirs rapture debate

To some, it's the beginning of an end predicted long ago by the Mayans; to others, it's simply some crafty video editing and socialmedia hype.

Regardless, a video that claims to have been shot near the tiny Alberta hamlet of Conklin has garnered more than half a million views in just days on YouTube and has been linked to similar footage popping up around the world. Čonklin's video specifically shows two maintenance workers performing duties in a forest when they are seemingly overcome with an allencompassing roar that rises and fades for over a minute.

"It just sent chills up my back," said Don Moller, owner of Conklin's general store and resident of more than 25 years, as he watched the video for the first time Tuesday. "It freaked me out, that's for sure."

Other residents of the 500-strong hamlet located 150 kilometres southeast of Fort McMurray told Metro the video had become a hot topic for conversation at the local school and other hangouts. Thousands of opinions on its validity have also popped up online. In an eerie twist, the video is very similar to other YouTube videos posted over the past few days that claim to have been shot in areas as far away as Ukraine and New Zealand. To see the video, head to metronews.ca/calgary.

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Trustees play down policy change; parents cry for voice

- Majority of elected officials say new document improves oversight
 Opposed representative seeks delay to gather input from public
- JEREMY NOLAIS @METRONEWS.CA

Approval of hotly debated changes regarding the practices of publicly elected school officials has been held over at least a week, and many parents hope that's just enough time to offer their opinion.

But Calgary Board of Education chair Pat Cochrane says she would rather usher through the policy, which would remove requirements for case-by-case board approval of school fees and other funding allo-

cations over \$500,000, and consult with the public down the road.

"Right now, it's simply words on paper... Many people don't understand how our system works," she said.

Meanwhile, critics of the change believe it's a backdoor attempt to shun public input. Last month, a proposal to suspend public reports at meetings was defeated.

"We elected them to make decisions for us and now their decision is to not make decisions," said mother Jennifer Andrews. "How is that even legal?" Other parents speaking to Metro fear the change will allow administration to spend freely without public oversight. But Cochrane countered that notion by stating the board would receive quarterly reports on administrative spending.

But fellow representative Sheila Taylor took issue with the changes, noting the public has not been consulted. It was her vote against a third reading of the new policy that ultimately forced its approval to be held over.

"We have not had an opportunity yet to hear from

Policy reading

- It is assumed a third reading of the board of trustee governance policy will take place Jan. 24, according to board chair Pat Cochrane. At that time, only majority support not unanimous will be required.
- Trustees have worked on changes to their governance policy for over a year, bringing on consultants during the process.

the public," she said. "To me, that's what's important."





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East Village grows up

Full master plan for the community will take 13 to 15 years to achieve, says CMLC president Brown



Development in the East Village will rise from the ground this year, according to officials.

Up until this point, the Calgary Municipal Land Corp. — a wholly owned subsidiary of the City of Calgary — has been developing the community at the surface level, showcasing things like the River Walk and the 4th Street Underpass.

CMLC president and CEO Michael Brown said this year, they will begin to build upwards, with two new condo developments slated to begin construction 11,500
According to the
Calgary Municipal
Land Corp., when the
East Village is
complete, an estimated 11,500 people will
live in the community.
Currently about 1,040
people live there.

this summer.

"This is the year we grow up," said Brown.

While the sales centre in the East Village isn't expected to open until spring, Brown said they've already received an overwhelming amount of interest.

He said more than 7,000 people have signed up to re-

ceive notification of when the sales centre opens.

In addition to residential space, Brown said they are exploring what kind of retail shops will be incorporated into the neighbourhood.

"We want residents here but we almost want this to become like Calgary's playground."

Brown said a decision will be made in the next two months as to the fate of Calgary's historic Simmons building, but hinted the 17,394-square-foot building will most likely involve multiple retailers.

The first new residents of the East Village are expected to move in January

School buys into mayor's 3 Things movement



All good things come in threes if you ask students and staff at one Calgary school, which have heard a call from Mayor Naheed Nenshi to do their part in enhancing the city.

Initiatives big and small — everything from shovelling walks and picking up garbage in the community to raising funds for needy pets and people — will be undertaken by students as part of the mayor's 3 Things For Calgary movement.

"It's wonderful," said the mayor's chief of staff Chima Nkemdirim, who was on hand at Sunalta to launch the campaign Tuesday.

"I think it's really tangible and easy way for kids to actually understand what citizenship is.



It doesn't have to be big things. Little things can help make the city better."

Grade 5 student Grace Alger, with three of her classmates, has already raised more than \$500 to benefit the SPCA. Picking up garbage from the school playground and being nice to her brother are her other two things.

Challenge

- A total of 330 students at Sunalta School will be taking part in Mayor Naheed Nenshi's 3 Things For Calgary effort.
- For more on the movement, head to blog.calgarymayor.ca.

Council to get wage suggestions

City council will receive advice next week on how much they should be pocketing, leaving some members of council questioning whether it's open for discussion.

After several meetings, the Council Compensation Review Committee — an independent group of Calgarians — will present their suggestions on pay

for aldermen and the mayor to council on Monday.

Mayor Naheed Nenshi said council owes it to citizens to have an open discussion about their pay.

"I don't think that council should ever completely abdicate its responsibilities to an independent commission, but we did set up this group of citizens to look at the problem," he

said.

Ald. Richard Pootmans said he has no doubt there will be debate over the subject but questions whether councillors should have a say in their own pay.

"If we're going to ask people to provide us this advice, it's incumbent for us to listen to it."

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Restaurant blaze still being investigated

Fire investigators are still investigating the cause of a blaze in the city's southeast Tuesday.

According to the fire department, no

one was injured in the fire in the 100 block of Quarry Park Boulevard Southeast, which had extended into the ceiling of the structure.

Fire crews were faced with the challenge of fighting the fire in the extremely cold weather. The department said that another local business allowed fire fighters to warm up in its building.

Friends raise funds for teen

• Sick girl's family is struggling to pay their daughter's medical bills





"She's a beautiful 15-year-old teen that's had this horrible thing happen to her," said family friend, Barb Cox.

Lexi Whyte has a rare bone tumour in her skull, causing nerve dystrophy in her head. According to an email from Lexi's mom, Jessica Taylor, the family is awaiting a transfer to Toronto Sick Kids Hospital to meet with specialists who may be able to help the teen.

However, the transfer costs money, and the family is struggling financially. Cox said Taylor hasn't been able to work in months, and the family does not have any health insurance.

"(Lexi's parents) are very proud and not ones to ask for help," said Cox.

Cox and other family friends have started to raise funds for the family. Since Jan. 11, according to Cox, their efforts have brought in almost \$20,000.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought it could be that amazing for her," said Cox.

Support Lexi

- Visit the Love 4 Lexi
 Facebook page at facebook.com/givelove2lexi
- Donations can be made at any TD Canada Trust, with all cheques payable to "Barbara Cox in Trust."
- A fundraiser will be held at Studio 82, Jan. 27 at 7 p.m.

Have your say on future of SE Calgary transit

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Three public-information sessions will be held next week regarding the future of public transit in the city's southeastern section.

The City of Calgary is hosting these meetings to outline options for transit and to hear from citizens.

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Public meetings

Sessions will be held:

- Jan. 24 at Riverbend Community Association Hall.
 Jan. 25 at Ramsay
- Jan. 25 at Ramsay Community Association Hall.
- Jan. 26 at McKenzie Towne Hall.



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'Go on board!' captain of doomed ship told

• Death toll from the Costa Concordia shipwreck rose sharply on Tuesday, up to 11

"You go on board! Is that clear? Do you hear me?" the coast guard officer shouted as the captain of the grounded Costa Concordia sat safe in a life raft and frantic passengers struggled to escape after the ship rammed into a reef off the Tuscan coast.

"It is an order. Don't make any more excuses. You have declared 'Abandon ship.' Now I am in charge."

The dramatic recording made public Tuesday shows Capt. Francesco Schettino resisted orders to return to his ship to direct the evacuation, saying it was too dark and the ship was tipping perilously.



The Costa Concordia had more than 4,200 passengers and crew on board when it slammed into the reef Friday off the tiny island of Giglio after Schettino made an unauthorized manoeuvre from the ship's programmed course — apparently to show off the luxury liner to the island's residents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Conservatives stay in the shadows as spy drama unfolds

The Harper government hunkered down Tuesday in an attempt to weather an unfolding spy drama involving a naval officer who worked at one of the most sensitive and secure military intelligence centres in the country.

Prime Minister Stephen

Harper, Defence Minister Peter MacKay, the military and the RCMP turned aside questions on the case of Sub.-Lt. Jeffrey Paul Delisle, who's charged with communicating information to a foreign entity.

Defence experts said,



given where the suspect worked, the potential damage to national security was immense.

MacKay said he would not confirm or deny reports the foreign power involved could be Russia, but a defence expert said that country is the most likely suspect, given the few details available.

"I am not going to play Clue," MacKay said during a media availability to trumpet \$337 million for a new satellite system intended to make military and government communications more secure The case against Delisle was adjourned until next week by a Halifax judge, leaving the mystery to deepen as a neighbour in Bedford, N.S., described him as "someone who kept to himself" since moving from Ontario.

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Premiers downplay Ottawa's health role

The provincial premiers have temporarily shelved their demands for more health-care money, but that hasn't stopped them from embarking on a politically motivated exercise that may eventually shake loose more federal dollars.

The premiers and territorial leaders concluded their two-day Council of the Federation meetings Tuesday by announcing the formation of two groups to examine health innovation and federal dollars.

Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger will head a provincial working group composed of provincial and territorial leaders to assess the financial im"The federal government is not needed for this work. They don't deliver health care. The expertise is in the provinces and the territories."

pact of federal fiscal proposals.

Premiers Brad Wall of Saskatchewan and Robert Ghiz of Prince Edward Island will lead a second group comprising provincial and territorial health ministers. It will examine innovation that improves health care across the country.

Throughout the meetings, which started Sunday, the premiers suggested that if Ottawa cannot be convinced to reopen health-transferpayment talks, perhaps Canadians — especially seniors — can force the federal government back to the table.

But Harper hasn't budged, saying in each of the last two days there's no more money for the provinces.

That didn't stop B.C. Premier Christy Clark from suggesting "no" doesn't mean "no" when Ottawa's talking, and Quebec Premier Jean Charest appeared to say the provinces have time and politics on their side.

Getting angry

Last month, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty enraged premiers from Manitoba east with what some described as a take-it-or-leave-it plan. The scheme calls for current spending levels of six per cent annually until 2017, followed by increases tied to the rate of economic growth.

"The federal government will probably look at their situation and, if they are closer to an election campaign, they may have a different view," said Charest at a joint premiers press conference.

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Don't click on Wikipedia

Popular website was set to go black today to protest U.S. curbs

Some Canadians have pledged to join Wikipedia and other big websites in going black today.

The blackout is a protest against proposed anti-piracy legislation in the U.S. that could have far-reaching effects for Internet users.

The legislation could allow website addresses to be blocked when complaints are filed about copyright infringement.

Search engines could be compelled to remove links to sites accused of copyright violations.

Web payment processors and advertisers could be forced to stop doing business with alleged offenders.

"We believe in a free and open Internet."

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WIKIMEDIA FOUNDATION

Tucows, a Toronto-based company that manages over 11 million domain names and provides other Internet services, planned to temporarily take down its downloading site, which hosts more than 40,000 programs.

Social media service Identi.ca was also among Canadian sites joining the likes of Boing Boing, Reddit and Wordpress in the protest.

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A COMPUTER IS HIS BIBLE, MEET ...

FILE-SHARING'S HIGH PRIEST



The pirates of file-sharing are on a mission.

Last week, the Swedish Missionary Church of Kopimism won official recognition as a religion — and the creed of copying and spreading information is expanding around the world.

Followers have sprung up in Russia, Romania, France, the United States and Denmark. A congregation in New Zealand is also seeking legal recognition.

The Kopimists worked all of last year to be recognized as a religion in Sweden. Last week, officialdom recognized their status as a church.



Their 'creed'

Here are the Kopimists' pillars of faith:

- Copying information is ethically correct.
- Disseminating information is ethically correct.
- Remixing is a holier form of copying than the perfect, digital copying.
- Intranets are holy.

"The response has been great, even outside Europe. I have been contacted by new Kopimists in India as well as Japan," philosophy student Isak Gerson, 19 — founder, head of mission and supreme spiritual leader of the church — told Metro.

There are now 3,000 followers in more than 10 countries, it's claimed.

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Headphones can be deadly, study finds

Study looked at 2004-2011 accidents of people wearing headphones ● 55% of accidents involved trains ● Majority of victims were male under age 30

A new U.S. study looking at injuries and deaths of pedestrians who were wearing headphones finds that trains were involved in more than half of the cases identified.

The study, published in the journal Injury Prevention on Tuesday, found 116 reports of death or injury of pedestrians wearing headphones, of which 81 were fatal. During the study period, the number of cases tripled.

The researchers suggest that the use of headphones

with handheld devices may pose a safety risk to pedestrians, especially in environments with moving vehicles. The researchers acknowledged a number of limitations to their research.

For instance, it relied on media reporting, "which likely over-publishes tragic events but vastly underpublishes non-fatal cases."

And factors other than the use of headphones, such as suicidal intentions, substance abuse or mental illness, may have played a 9/10

Almost nine out of 10 cases were in urban areas, and almost three in 10 cases mentioned that a warning was sounded before the crash.

role in some of the pedestrian injuries and fatalities. They suggested more study is needed.

"The use of cellphones

and MP3 players is increas-

ing.

The risks posed in use of these devices by drivers are well documented, but little is known about the association between headphone use and pedestrian injury," wrote the researchers, based at the University of Maryland.

"The danger in using headphones as a pedestrian may be explained by two phenomena: auditory masking of outside stimuli and distraction."

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Russia will investigate whether a U.S. radar station could have interfered with the failed Mars moon Phobos-Ground space probe.

Actors in adult movies filmed in Los Angeles would be required to use condoms under an ordinance granted final approval on Tuesday.

Indonesia has a new tactic to stop commuters from riding the roofs of trains: Suspending concrete balls to rake over the top of trains.

Edgar Allan Poe fans plan a vigil for the "Poe Toaster," who for decades left roses and a bottle of cognac at Poe's grave. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS









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Honour important to Shafia, brother testifies in murder case

• Accused's half-brother the final witness in trial that began in October

Honour is very important to a man accused of killing half his family, allegedly in a so-called honkilling, Mohammad Shafia is no murderer, his half-brother said Tuesday.

Dr. Mohammad Anwar

Yaqubi, in one of several outbursts in which he vehemently asserted his sibling is innocent, suggested it's the police and prosecutors who should be in prison instead of Shafia and his coaccused wife and son.

Shafia, his wife Tooba Yahya, 42, and their son Hamed, 21, are on trial in Kingston, Ont., charged with four counts each of first-degree murder.

They've pleaded not guilty in the deaths of Shafia and Yahya's daughters Zainab, 19, Sahar, 17, and Geeti, 13, as well as Rona Amir Mohammad, 52, Shafia's first wife in a polygamous marriage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Crown contends

- The Crown alleges the four victims were killed to protect family honour.
- Honour was a big deal for Shafia, Yaqubi agreed under cross-examination.
- The police wiretaps that captured his enraged outbursts show that Shafia was angry, but also grieving, Yaqubi said.
- But the Crown suggested Yaqubi doesn't know his half-brother very well at present, since he has only had sporadic communication, consisting of a handful of telephone calls on major holidays, since 1994.

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A father says the man who

daughter should be denied

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CIDA to follow aid money in Ethiopía

Canada's aid agency says it will look into how Ethiopia spends assistance funds after publication of a report that accuses the African country of an abusive and systematic practice of forcing rural villagers off their land.

The response came after a report released Tuesday by Human Rights Watch blasted the country for forced expulsions that have cut villagers off from food sources and basic health

Ottawa researcher Felix Horne says the situation violates Canada's own policy, which says all aid spending must meet international human-rights standards.

International Co-operation Minister Bey Oda's office issued an emailed statement Tuesday: "We will look into these allegations further, to ensure there is no misuse of Canadian taxpayers' resources.' THE CANADIAN PRESS

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ing because it makes a "mockery" of Canada's First Nations people. Michael Manning's 15year-old daughter, Tara, was raped, smothered and stabbed dozens of times in

treal home nearly 18 years The Parole Board of Canada has granted the girl's killer an elder-assisted hearing, which is usual-

ly reserved for aboriginal

the family's suburban Mon-

offenders. But Manning argues the Haitian-born man, who was convicted in 1997 of firstdegree murder, should not be allowed such a hearing because, to his knowledge, he doesn't have a First Na-

tions background. "It's disrespectful and it's a mockery to our First Nations, Inuit and Metis people," Manning said.

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Tommy Douglas' medals up for auction

Medals from socialist icon and former Saskatchewan premier Tommy Douglas are on the auction block, but his daughter hopes the collection stays together.

"I just hope that whoever buys it won't split it up and it would be wonderful if they would donate it or give it to a museum that already has a lot of his things," actor Shirley Douglas said Tuesday in a phone interview with The Hoare Auctions, a compa-_ Canadian Press.

If the Canadian Museum of Civilization had the items, it could loan them to other museums across the country, she suggested. Then the public would also be able to see the medals.

The collection, including an engraved coronation medal from 1937, is being auctioned off at the end of January by Jeffrey

ny based in London, Ont.

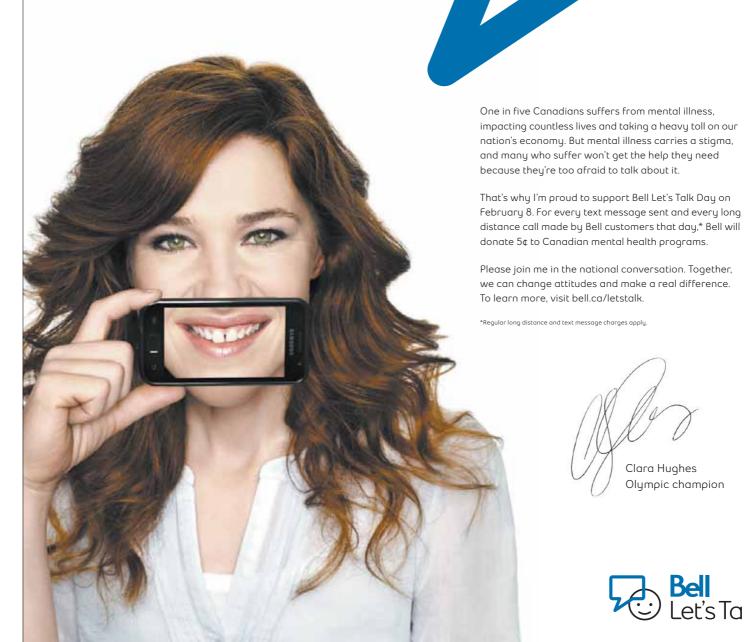
The company's website says the lot also includes Second World War and Victory medals from Tom-Douglas's father, Thomas Douglas Sr.

Douglas hasn't seen the collection, but said she's interested in some letters written by her father and the medals that belonged to her grandfather.

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Crown: Nortel 'scheme' like a game of Sudoku

Prosecutors allege fraud deeply rooted in company,2002-03 profits manipulated to achieve desired results

Crown lawyers at the fraud trial of three former Nortel Networks executives say the men created a culture of dishonesty at the fallen telecom equipment maker, encouraging staff members to cook the books to meet bonus-related targets.

Lead prosecutor Robert Hubbard told court Tuesday that under the direction of then-CEO Frank Dunn, the use of financial reserves to bulk up flagging balance sheets was widespread.

"In terms of this cookiejar approach to accounting, it had a long history at Nortel, it wasn't just the accused who were involved in it," Hubbard said during the second day of the trial.

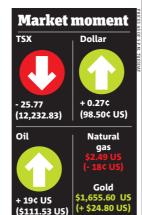
Hubbard likened the alleged scheme overseen by Dunn to a game of Sudoku,

in which he knew what would trigger bonuses tied to a return to profitability and manipulated numbers.

Hubbard said the former leaders of what was once Canada's biggest company were orchestrating an "earnings management scheme" through which they held back millions of dollars of "out of balance" money so it could be reported later at their choosing.

Dunn, who was Nortel's chief financial officer before he became its chief executive officer, former CFO Douglas Beatty and former controller Michael Gollogly are accused of defrauding Nortel of \$5 million. All have pleaded not guilty.

The Crown has a list of 27 witnesses it plans to call, including former employ-



ees whom it has warned the judge may have acted as accomplices. Defence opening arguments are expected Wednesday. The trial could last longer than six months.



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Central bank may curb home buying

Ottawa is prepared to intervene again to discour-

age home buying, Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Tuesday after the Bank of Canada warned low interest rates could cause Canadians to pile on more debt. The bank said the policy interest rate will stay at a super-low one per cent. Economists say rates may stay low for a year or two more. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Plans to excerpt Hitler book challenged

A state government in Germany is looking at legal measures to prevent a British publisher's plans to reproduce excerpts from Adolf Hitler's infamous memoir Mein Kampf in Germany

The Finance Ministry of the German state of Bavaria said Tuesday that publisher Peter McGee's plans to reproduce three 16-page segments of Mein Kampf with critical commentary, starting next week, may violate the copyright on the book, which it holds.

The ministry said in a statement that it believes the segments are too long to

be considered excerpts not covered by copyright.

McGee told The Associated Press in a telephone interview from London that his attorney has advised him otherwise, and that he plans to go ahead with the publication of the segments as an insert to his weekly Zeitungszeugen magazine. The magazine, a play on words mixing the German for "newspaper" and "eyewitness," reproduces historical newspapers from the Nazi era alongside expert commentary.

"We're not surprised that they've taken that reaction from Munich, but it's a little

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difficult to see how they say that when they haven't seen

the product," said McGee, who is managing director of Albertas Limited publishing house

"We're not publishing Mein Kampf, we're publishing... some excerpts of Mein Kampf with some critical commentary."

Mein Kampf is not banned in Germany as commonly believed, but Bavaria has used its ownership of the copyright to prevent its publication so far.

Hitler wrote Mein Kampf
— My Struggle in English —
in Bavaria in 1923, a rambling and anti-Semitic book
outlining his ideology.

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Clunkers could be bounced as U.S. bounces back

That clunker in America's driveway has reached a record old age, but there are signs that people may be growing confident enough in the economy to get a whiff of that fresh-car scent yery soon

The average age of a vehicle in the U.S. hit a record 10.8 years last year as job security and other economic worries kept many people from making big-ticket purchases such as a new car.

That's up from the old record of 10.6 years in 2010, and it and continues a trend that dates to 1995, when the average age of a car was 8.4 years, according to a study of state vehicle-registration data by the based Polk automotive research firm.

The aging of the American auto fleet has been a big boon for repair shops and companies that sell replacement auto parts.

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Budget seeks to protect us: Flaherty

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty said Tuesday his upcoming budget will seek to address longer-term problems facing Canada, while protecting the country from external shocks in the current economic environment.

News reports suggest the government is looking to limit Old Age Security benefits to qualified people at least 67 years of age, up from 65 years old, and to



tackle pension plans for federal employees and elected members of Parliament. Flaherty said the budget will stick to its target of eliminating the \$32-billion federal deficit over the next four to five years.

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Airbus still top jet maker

European company bests Boeing to claim title as world's largest Sold record 1,419 orders in 2011

Airbus took in a record number of orders for new commercial aircraft last year as strong demand for its revamped single-aisle plane helped it best U.S. rival Boeing Co., in the race for orders for the fourth year running.

The European jet maker said Tuesday that it took in 1,419 net new orders in 2011, worth \$140 billion US, well above Boeing's total of 805 aircraft. That topped the previous record of 1,413 net orders recorded by Boeing in 2007.

Airbus also delivered 534 aircraft last year, up from 510 a year earlier and keeping the title of world's biggest jet maker that it has held since 2003. Boeing delivered 477 aircraft in 2011.

For this year, Airbus targets around 570 jet deliveries, including about 30 of its A380 super jumbo, the world's largest commercial jet. Louis Gallois, the CEO of Airbus parent company

EADS, said 2011 revenue will be "nicely above" the \$45.8 billion recorded in 2010

Gallois, who is due to retire in May, spoke more freely about the ongoing European financial crisis, saying that the credit downgrades of nine European countries including France by rating agency Standard & Poor's last week "is only making things more com-

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OIL CRISIS

Iran warns EU against 'suicide' oil embargo

Iran's OPEC governor said Tuesday a European Union embargo on Iranian oil would be "economic suicide" for Europe, the latest stiff statement reflecting Iranian concern about the prospect of deeper sanctions over its nuclear program.

Iran is OPEC's second largest oil producer, and oil exports account for 80 per cent of Iran's foreign currency income.

Iran sells about 20 per cent of its oil exports to Europe.

European nations are considering whether to go along with new U.S. legislation outlawing transactions with Iran's central bank, indirectly limiting Iranian oil shipments by making it harder for customers to pay for them. The law takes effect later this year. The associated press

Cdn firms receptive to pension plan

A survey suggests a significant majority of small businesses are taking a look at a new pension vehicle unveiled by Ottawa, and many would consider contributing themselves.

The survey by Leger Marketing suggests 68 per cent of small firms not offering pensions at the moment have interest in the new pooled registered pension plans.

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THE WORST IS BEHIND US

SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN

We should get a medal. On it should be: "I survived Blue Monday.' If you're reading this, it's confirmed: you survived what is held to be the most

depressing day of the year. There's even a formula for those who don't automatically buy the idea that the third Monday in January is the most depressing day of the year. Developed by some helpful guy in Wales, it factors in weather, post-holiday bills, the grim fact

that holidays are over, enthusiasm for your new year's resolution is officially on the wane, and there's that nagging feeling that if you don't do something, it's only going to get worse.

I'd add that for most of the country, the next holiday doesn't come until April 6, and there's a long stretch of another-day-older-and-deeper-in-debt until we get there. So at least you should get a freaking medal.

I spent the most depressing day of the year in a room full of rocket scientists (don't ask) and by the end of it, I came to the conclusion that I need more RAM. But at least I got to the end of it, and by the time I turned out

"Even the notpsychologist admits his calculations are meaningless. But that hasn't stopped media from picking up the story, thanks to the timetested tradition of never letting the facts get in the way of a

good story."

the light and pulled the covers over my head, I was feeling quite smug: starting tomorrow, there's nowhere to go but up.

And the same guy who calculated the most depressing day of the year has also determined the happiest day of the year, which this year for some reason is Monday, June 18.

We're happy on June 18, allegedly, because it's warm enough to go outside and play; therefore, we're closer to nature in all its early-summertime glory. We can hang out with friends without being frostbitten and even if we're miserable creatures we can remember

summers long ago when we weren't. Finally, we're almost on holiday, which is better than being fresh out

It's all very scientific, except that it isn't. Some killjoy pointed out that the so-called expert who devised the formula is not, as often billed, a psychologist at the University of Cardiff. Even the notpsychologist admits his calculations are meaningless. But that hasn't stopped media from picking up the story, thanks to the time-tested tradition of never letting the facts get in the way of a good story.

Surely at this time of the year, we need all the encouragement we can get. And the news that we've hit rock bottom and it can only get better is welcome news

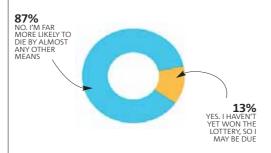
It would be even better if it came with a medal we could wear around our necks ... at least until the Easter Bunny finally saves the day.

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Are you afraid of yet another falling piece of space junk?



Local tweets

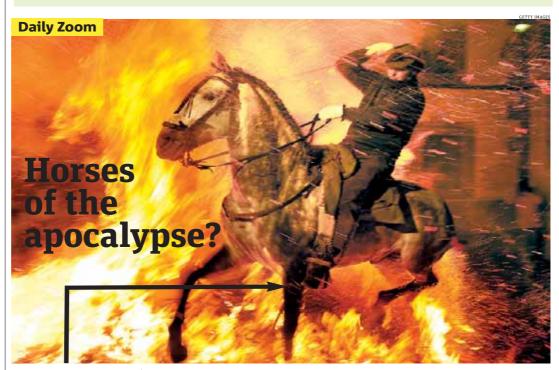


▶ @chrissi canfly: When it's this cold out I don't

bother wearing my glasses until I get inside. I'm traveling blind, am I on right bus?? #YYC

- **@KnifeNerd:** I want coffee with gold sprinkles. Who in YYC serves this obviously necessary drink?
- @RebeccaHelenLS: Getting emotional when your bus comes because it's -30.
- @jillianrog: Hey #yyc I know it's cold and all but be thankful that if you have twitter you most like-

- ly have a warm place to snuggle up in
- @eileensylvestre: if i were ever to visit the planet hoth i imagine it would be as cold as calgary is today. #yyc #starwars
- **@flamesstamps:** For some reason stepping out into -45 #yyc weather isn't so bad when you're going to play noon hockey.
- ▶ @Naaz_A: -42 and i need moisturizer and some yeagies....i'm thinking this might be able to wait till tomorrow... #yipe
- @ashleymarieshaw: I feel as though Mario kart has prepared me for winter driving #yyc



A gallop on fire to honour a saint

A man rides a horse through a bonfire in the small village of San Bartolomé de Pinares in Spain. In honour of St. Anthony (San Anton), the patron saint of animals, hundreds of horses are ridden through bonfires on the night before the official day of paying homage to animals. • mwn

Then a feast of sausages after

These steeds leap through bonfires to drum beats and Spanish bagpipes until midnight, when the riding ends. By morning, when the fires have died down to embers, locals grill a feast of chorizo and blood sausage. Those taking part in the festival believe the flames and smoke "purify" the horses. • mwn

"I myself remember from childhood this is how the village elders and I prayed to St. Anthony.'

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dogs, cats, pigs, birds and even ferrets, took part in San . Bartolomé's annual blessing of the animals.



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Is the comic book movie well starting to run dry?

Nicolas Cage rides back into theatres as Ghost Rider in mid-February ♥ With tier-two comic book heroes getting hit up for a sequel, it begs the question: After a decade-long spandex-and-leather blockbuster boom, are there any comic book film adaptations left in the tank?



Green Arrow

This B-league bow-master has been hitting hard targets since 1941, but outside of fan-boy circles he might as well be a contestant on American Archer. Not only does Green Arrow borrow from Robin Hood's wardrobe but he also shares the Englishman's penchant for the redistribution of wealth. Movie Buzz: Years back, Kevin Smith's name was bandied about in connection with an Arrow movie. More recently NY Times bestselling author Brad Meltzer has dropped hints that he'd be down to pen the script. Odds of ever making the big screen: Slim as a solo deal but sky-high in a Justice League of Ameri-

ca (JLA) live-action flick.



Captain Canuck

The Cap is a well-mannered Mountie who acquires super-strength after a run-in with some aliens while camping. He then dons red-andwhite spandex with a maple leaf emblazoned on his forehead while tangling with baddies. In its original incarnation the series was set in a future world where Canada had become, according to the first issue, "the most important country in the world."

Movie Buzz: Mind's Eye Entertainment owns the film rights and plans on developing the project with the cooperation of series creator Richard Comely.

Odds of ever making the big screen: Pretty good,



Aquaman

The often-parodied super-swimmer has been breathing underwater and having telepathic conversations with fish, mollusks and other sea life since 1941. Ventriloquist and comedian Jeff Dunham points out that Aquaman has the same powers as SpongeBob SquarePants.

Movie Buzz: If Shaq could suit up and play Steel, there's no reason why Michael Phelps couldn't dye his hair blonde and start chatting up some beluga whales.

Odds of ever making the big screen: While HBO's Entourage featured the making of an Aquaman action movie with James Cameron, the underwater hero doesn't get that caliber of Hollywood love in real life.



Flash

In the comic book world the mantle of the fastest man alive has been held by Jay Garrick, Barry Allan, Wally West and Bart Allan. A mainstay in the T-shirt wardrobe of Big Bang Theory's Dr. Sheldon Cooper, Flash has remained fashion forward in geek circles for more than 70 years. Movie Buzz: Fan-boys are chirping a mile a minute and "Rock the Lightning" would be a great poster tagline. Odds of ever making the **big screen:** In 1990-91 CBS ran a single season of The Flash starring John Wesley Ship. But if there's ever a JLA movie, Warner Bros. will greenlight a Flash solo joint in a red-hot

minute.



Black Panther

Beyond Wesley Snipes vamping it up in Blade movies, there haven't been too many mainstream African-American superhero movies. Created by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby in 1966, Black Panther the protector of the fictitious African nation of Wakanda — is the Jackie Robinson of superheroes laying the groundwork for all that followed including Luke Cage, Falcon, Storm and Spawn. Movie Buzz: Some small murmurs a the moment.

Odds of ever making the big screen: They'd need to get creative with the title, otherwise many would assume the movie was about the radical organization of the same name. • MIKE DOJC



In brief



Should Jake Gyllenhaal be worried? Taylor Swift graces the cover of Vogue's February issue and tells the magazine her next album will be about an "absolute crash-and-burn heartbreak" she experienced. The 22-year-old singer doesn't name names, but she did date Gyllenhaal in 2010.

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Aviation films still have wings

• Red Tails' air battles amongst the best created on film • But director has 100 years of worth of competition

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The first Best Picture Oscar winner was Wings, a 1927 aviation flick featuring an inane love story but

some spectacular aerial footage.

Director William A. Wellman used his experience as a celebrated combat pilot during World War I to create the movie's realistic and thrilling dogfights, which packed audiences into first-run theatres for 63 weeks straight.

George Lucas, the producer of this weekend's

Red Tails, must be hoping for similar success for his aviation movie. If Red Tails draws crowds, he says, he wants to expand the story of African American World War II pilots the Tuskegee Airmen into a trilogy.

Advance word suggests Red Tails' air battles are amongst the best ever created on film.

Perhaps so, but Lucas has 100 years of elaborate aerial photography to compete with.

The flying sequences in Battle of Britain, the 1969 recreation of the British RAF's defeat of the Luftwaffe, are regarded as the gold standard of aviation footage.

To shoot these spectacular scenes the filmmakers assembled such a large collection of vintage



planes that the production briefly became the

35th largest air force in the world.

But not all the planes were authentic. Mock-ups of Spitfires and Hurricanes, powered by lawn mower engines, can be seen taxiing down runways.

Shooting complicated stunt scenes always involves risk, but rarely has a movie been as deadly as Howard Hughes's aerial epic Hell's Angels.

The eccentric Hughes shot the movie as a silent film in 1928, and then reshot the entire thing the following year when sound equipment became available.

In the process, 70 WWI aces were used, and three were killed.

Hughes himself was injured when he crashed after performing a tricky aerial stunt.

The most famous aerial

movie of recent years has to be Top Gun. Inspired by a California magazine story about the U.S. Navy's Top Gun School, the movie used several real aircraft from F-14 fighter squadron VF-51 Screaming Eagles.

The planes cost the production \$7,800 per hour for fuel and other operating costs, and one shot cost three times that.

Legend has it that director Tony Scott wanted to film an aircraft landing on an aircraft carrier, backlit by the sun. The captain, however, changed course before Scott got his shot.

When the director was informed it would cost \$25,000 to turn the ship around Scott pulled out a chequebook, wrote the cheque and got his shot.





• Genie Awards will be held March 8 in Toronto and will be broadcast on CBC-TV

Genies and wannabes

Jean-Marc Vallée's mystical romance Cafe de Flore and David Cronenberg's psychoanalysis drama A Dangerous Method are the top contenders for Canada's biggest film prizes.

Vallée's francophone feature has 13 Genie Award nominations while Cronenberg's weighty study has 11.

The film giants will face off in the best picture and best director categories, where they also compete with Philippe Falardeau and his tender school tale Monsieur Lazhar, which collected nine nods.

The nominations were announced Tuesday morning by the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television at simultaneous news conferences in Toronto and Montreal.

Rounding out the best

Oscar ambition

This year's Oscar hopeful is Monsieur Lazhar, a francophone film about an Algerian immigrant who takes over a class of Montreal elementary students reeling from the sudden death of their teacher.

It comes from the same Quebec producers as last year's Genie darling, Incendies.

picture race is the thriller The Whistleblower and the francophone comedy Starbuck. They earned six nominations apiece.

The acting categories are studded with international stars. Notables include Michael Fassbender, Michelle Williams, Viggo Mortensen, Vanessa Paradis and Rachel Weisz.



Fassbender is in the best actor race for his turn as Carl Jung in A Dangerous Method. Rivals include Garret Dillahunt, who plays a disillusioned war vet in Oliver Sherman; Scott Speedman, as the notorious Canadian bank robber in Edwin Boyd: Citizen Gangster; Montreal's Patrick Huard, who plays a

the health sciences.

frequent sperm donor in Starbuck; and Algeria's Mohamed Fellag, who stars as a sensitive school teacher in Monsieur Lazhar. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Canuck cinema

The Genie Awards have announced nominations for the best in Canadian cinema. A look at the key categories:

- Best picture: A Dangerous Method, Cafe de Flore, Monsieur Lazhar, Starbuck, The Whistleblower.
- Best director: David Cronenberg, A Dangerous Method; Steven Silver, The Bang Bang Club; Jean-Marc Vallee, Cafe de Flore; Philippe Falardeau, Monsieur Lazhar; Larysa Kondracki, The Whistleblower.





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Paula Deen: Now is 'God's time' to make some cash

- ◆ The queen of unhealthy cooking reveals she has Type 2 diabetes
- Interesting that she just got a sweet deal to promote a diabetes drug...

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Thanks to a super scoop by The Daily, it's been known that celebrity chef of all things fatten-

- deep-fried butter balls, Velveeta fudge, and butter, mayo, and whiz spread, to name just a few of her recipes — Paula Deen had developed Type 2 diabetes and would soon go on a publicity blitz about the diagnosis.

Well, that whirlwind media tour happened yesterday when she went on The Today Show as well as grant an interview to USA Today.

Although she's apparently been diabetic for over

two years (while continuing to shill her high-fat, highcalorie cooking), she decided to go public now because, as she puts it, it wasn't "God's time" when she first learned she was sick.

"I felt like I had nothing to offer anybody other than the announcement. wasn't armed with enough knowledge. I knew when it was time, it would be in God's time," she told USA Today.

Interestingly enough, for Deen, "God's time" means "time to finagle a lucrative contract with a makers of a diabetes drug." As, oh yes, Deen used that lull to sign on as a sponsor for the diabetes medicine Victoza. A website featuring Deen as their spokesperson also launched Monday.

Deen doesn't want to say



how much money she's making off the deal.

She tells USA Today, "Talking about money is garish. It's tacky. But, of course, I've been compensated for my time. That's the way our world works."

Is it just me, or is it also garish and tacky to continue to shill your junk food to people even though you know it can make them sick - like it did vou?



Should Lindsay play Liz Taylor?

Lindsay Lohan's plans to relaunch her acting career may not be as set in stone as she thought.

The troubled actress is up to play Elizabeth Taylor in a Lifetime TV movie, but the film's producer tells E! News that Lohan isn't the only starlet being consid-

"I've been talking to Lindsay Lohan directly, and with her reps, and have been in conversation with other actresses, including Megan Fox," Larry Thompson says.

"It's a very serious selection. It's like casting for Hollywood royalty."

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Celebrity tweets



Ever feel like vou can fall asleep in 1.5 seconds 2 hrs after u wake up? It's 1 of those days.

@chriscolfer

called "Mabirthday party. Not sure how I feel about this...

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@ActuallyNPH I've found a new TV obsession: Celebrity **Bia Brother** UK. Can't stop watching YouTube videos! I so badly want to partake!

@Joan_Rivers Madonna reveals that she "didn't stand in front

of a mirror and say I'll only date young men". No, she said it on the way to Chuck E Cheese.

Jay-Z heads toward **PG-13** lyrics

Now that he's a dad to a baby girl, Jay-Z is cleaning up his act, according to NME. The rapper has released a poem vowing to stop using the word "bitch" in his lyrics. "Refore I got in the game,

made a

rich. I didn't think hard about using the word bitch," he writes. "I rapped, I flipped it, I

sold it, I lived it. Now with my daughter in this world I curse those that give it.' Jay-Z also released a song earlier this month that features the sounds of daughter Blue Ivy Carter cooing and crying,

which made her the youngest person ever to be credited on the U.S. Billboard singles chart.

change, and got





Aruba: One happy island

• Aruba has some of the best beaches in the Caribbean and it's outside the hurricane zone Dut there's more to this island than the beach



Aruba, a tiny island only 25 kilometres from the Venezuelan coastline, is known for its turquoise water and white sandy beaches. But, unlike many of its Caribbean neighbours, it hasn't been taken over by all-inclusive resorts and all of its beaches are public.

It's safe, easy to get around, and you'll find hundreds of restaurants, bars and nightclubs in Oranjestad, the island's picturesque capital, so you won't be stuck eating at the same buffet table every



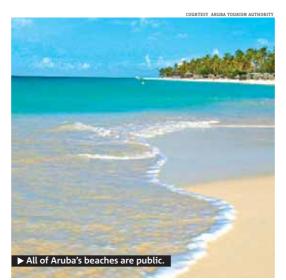
If you can manage to tear yourself away from your poolside lounge chair and mojito, there's no shortage of easily accessible activities easily on the island — scuba diving, snorkeling, windsurfing, kitesurfing, sea kayaking, water skiing and sailing, to name just a few. There's also hiking, quad trekking and sunset horseback riding in the island's national park. As for beaches, Eagle Beach and Palm Beach are among the best beaches in the Caribbean, perfect for swimming

For windsurfing/kitesurfing: To take advantage of

and sunbathing. Fisherman's Huts.



the near-constant trade winds, head to Boca Grandi, Malmok, Grapefield or



Diving and snorkeling

Aruba is the wreck diving capital of the Caribbean with more than 20 wreck sites off of the coast just waiting to be explored including the German freighter Antilla, from the Second World War. Whether you're a novice or advanced diver, you can spot a range of aquatic life. Several outfitters such as De Palm Tours and Red Sail Sports offer catamaran trips to the island's best snorkeling spots.

Events

January-March, Carnival: This is Aruba's biggest party of the year. complete with street parties and parades. flambovant costumes and fantastic music.

May, Aruba Soul Beach Music Festival: This starstudded, two-night concert series has previously featured India Arie, Alicia Keys and Jennifer Hudson. For more, visit soulbeach.net.

Where to eat

Thankfully, Aruba offers a lot more than the all-inclusive buffet. In fact, there are several hundred options, from high-end dining to local seafood shacks.

Papiamento Restaurant: Join the Ellis family in their 175-year-old manor house for upscale dining in a tropical garden setting. Try the local specialty Keshi Yena, made with minced tenderloin and chicken stewed with prunes, raisins and cashews, topped with Dutch cheese.

Cuba's Cooking: You'll find genuine Cuban cuisine in one of the oldest houses of historic downtown Oranjestad, including ropa vieja, picadillo and palomilla steak - and one of the best bolero singing pairs outside of Havana.

Zeerovers Fish Bar: Head to this typical Aruban fisherman's bar in Savaneta for freshly caught fish and shrimps — this is where the locals go for the catch of the day. Forks are optional.



Where to stay...

The newly renovated Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa is on Palm Beach.



Travel in brief



Wild Women Expeditions is celebrating its 22nd season with adventures in every region of Canada. What started in 1991 as an all-women canoe tripping company has expanded across Canada is now offering kayak, flatwater and whitewater canoe, hiking, cycling, surfing and yoga adventures. One of their newest offerings is the Wild Yoga Retreats in Gros Morne, Nfld., and Bay of Fundy, N.B. In June, many expeditions are available The schedule is online at wildwomenexp.com/cale ndar. 🌕 metro



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Out with the stars

• Jasper National Park is the 'Disney World' of dark sky preserves, according to one well-known astronomer

Peter McMahon has stars in his eyes. His head is in the clouds. You might even say he's moonstruck, and he'd probably agree with you.

McMahon is one of Canada's best-known astronomers, and certainly the most media savvy. He's travelled around the world to follow his dream of travelling among the stars.

So when he says that 'Jasper National Park is becoming the Disney World of dark sky preserves," he means it in a good way.

McMahon was in Jasper for its first-ever Dark Sky Festival — a weekend of events in October celebrating Jasper National Park's designation at the world's largest — and darkest dark sky preserve. Jasper turns out to be one of the best places in the world to get lost in space.

his guided tour of the heavens is taking place on a bright sunny morning. Just what kind of tour you can possibly do with Sol high in the southern sky? McMahon is sparkling with enthusiasm and aims his telescope at the faint daytime moon hanging over a mountain known as The Whistlers.

But when it comes to gazing at the moon, everything is much clearer in the light of day.

Other astronomers most from the Royal Astronomical Society in Edmonton — have gathered on the lawn of Jasper's information centre.

One star gazer has set up his specially equipped telescope and set the controls for the heart of the sun. It's one of those rare opportu-

So it seems strange that nities to ignore your parents' warnings and do what you've always been told not to do: look right at the sun.

"What are those things that look like clouds moving across the face of the sun?" a reporter asks.

"Those are clouds," says the astronomer, who points out that clouds have an earthly — not solar —

When evening falls, it's time to go to the mobile Telus Planetarium — a sort of inflatable igloo.

Tyson Wagner from the Telus World of Science in Edmonton is the storyteller. Using the dome of the inflatable igloo as his drawing board, Wagner points out Cassiopeia the Greek queen whose vanity and beauty invokes the jealousy of the gods.



Get ready for the dragon

◆ The Year of the Dragon is approaching the year ruled by the most powerful sign in the Chinese zodiac

• Check out these events planned in San Francisco

Start the year off on the right foot

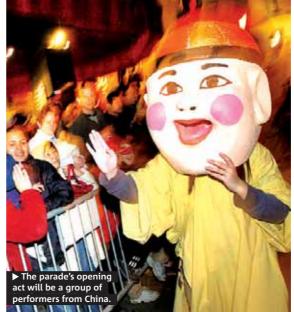
The Chinatown YMCA holds its 34th annual Chinese New Year Run on Feb. 19

The route starts at Sacramento Street and Grant Avenue and winds through Chinatown. One route is 10 kilometres and the other is five kilometres.

About 2,000 people are expected to take part in the event, which benefits the Chinatown YMCA Community Center.

Want to run? You can register at ymcasf.org/Chinatown.

Registration is \$30 by check and \$33 by credit card, increasing to \$36 and \$39 after Feb. 1.



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Celebrate the new year in concert

The San Francisco Symphony Chinese New Year Community Concert and Celebration 2012 features a mix of music and instruments from the East and West.

The concert begins 4 p.m. Feb. 11 and early arrivers will be greeted with a family-friendly festival reception at 3 p.m. with arts and crafts, food, Asian instruments, lion dancers, Chinese calligraphers and more for people of all ages.

Carolyn Kuan will conduct and the program includes the Yellow River piano concer-

Tickets are \$15 to \$68 and can be purchased at sfsymphony.org.
The symphony plays

at Davies Symphony Hall, the box office is on Grove Street between Van Ness Avenue and Franklin Street.

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Watch the parade

Stepping off at Second and Market streets at 5:15 p.m. on Feb. 11, the Southwest Airlines Chinese New Year Parade features floats, dance teams, bands and other performances.

The route follows Geary and Post streets ending at before Kearny at Columbus; organizers recommend Post Street as a good place to watch.

The event is free, but bleacher seat tickets can be purchased for \$30 each.

This year, groups from all over the state are participating, says parade spokeswoman Karen Eng, and the opening act will be a group of performers from China.

The event traces its roots to the 19th century, when Chinese immigrants showcased their culture using the all-American tradition of a parade.

Details including maps and where to order tickets can be found at chineseparade.com.

Almonds show their sweet side

◆ These crunchy cookies have great texture thanks to the use of flavourful almond butter & roasted almonds



Roasted almonds add crunch to the cookies, which makes them perfect to enjoy with an afternoon coffee

Preparation:

- Preheat oven to 350°F (180°C) and line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
- In a large bowl, using an electric mixer, beat together almond butter, butter, brown sugar, egg and almond extract until light and fluffy.
- In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add flour into creamed mixture slowly until well blended. Stir in diced almonds.
 Dough will be very

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (500 mL) creamy almond butter
- 1/2 cup (250 mL) butter, softened
- 1 cup (500 mL) packed brown sugar

- crumbly; cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 30 minutes or until firm.
- Form into 1-inch (2.5 cm) balls and place on baking sheet; flatten with a fork creating cross hatch pattern. Bake on centre rack in oven for 12 to 15 minutes or until lightly browned. Cool on baking sheet for a few minutes before transferring cookies to a wire rack. When cool, store in airtight container.
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- 1 egg
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) pure almond extract
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) all purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) baking soda
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) salt
- 1/2 cup (250 mL) diced roasted almonds

Drink of the week

Chocolate Doughnut Hot Chocolate

- 500 ml (2 cups) whole
- 1 glazed or sugar coated chocolate doughnut
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) semisweet chocolate chips
- Pinch salt

In a blender, combine milk and doughnut. Puree until very smooth. Transfer mix to saucepan.

Whisking constantly, heat over medium until it thickens, 3 mins. Add chocolate chips and salt, whisking until chocolate has melted and cocoa is smooth. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/ J.M. HIRSC





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Make giving back sound even better

You volunteered — good for you! ○ But what exactly did you do? ○ Make that experience count on your resumé



In the Volunteer Experience section of your resumé, do your bullet points look like any of these?

- Promoted and raised awareness for events
- Attended and assisted in events such as campus fair
- Assured information around campus is up-todate
- Worked closely and communicated often with the President and VP Sales and Marketing
- Kept finances up-to-date

These are a sample of some bullet points taken from applicant resumés that I've reviewed recently. Read any one of them and ask yourself: "What did he or she actually do in this position?"

What information should you include?

As the employer, I want to see specific examples in regards to what you did and how you did it, as well as the results that were generated by these actions, rather than somewhat vague or generic descriptions of your role.

To only write that you "promoted and raised awareness for events" is not enough — the key element is explaining how you did this. Did you put up flyers? Posters? A neat guerilla campaign using social media? And what was the result of the events? How many people



came out? A bullet point without this type of information provides unsubstantial information and therefore doesn't give an employer many positive things to attribute to your work

The resumé sentence

In resumé language, sentences should be formed answering "What you (actually) did" and great ones include "The result of my action was..." To communicate your volunteer experiences better, you should re-word the first aforementioned bullet point as such:

"Promoted our speaker series by administering daily booths and creating campus-wide marketing materials, which generated an additional 50 attendees."

Ahhh... now I know what you did, and it seems as though your marketing efforts were successful (and I am impressed that you measured your impact afterward!).

How do you measure your awesomeness?

Measuring your outcomes, getting evaluations, quantifying success and setting goals are all aspects that you must consider as you begin to volunteer (or work) so that you can understand and communicate your goals and accomplishments.

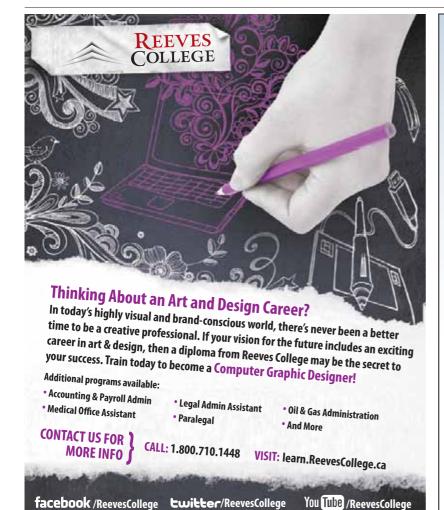
If you are a marketing

person, for example, conduct a post-event survey by asking participants where or how they heard about the event.

This will give you the necessary feedback and evidence to prove that you were successful (50 students came because of you) or give you valuable insight into what you should or shouldn't do next time (important learnings or key take-aways from your experiences that can be applied to this job are also great for interviews, even if the result wasn't great).

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Lincecum has Giant request

San Francisco's ace right-hander asks for near-record amount in baseball arbitration
 Ninety-eight of 142 players who filed for arbitration last Friday have already settled

Tim Lincecum asked San Francisco for \$21.5 million US in arbitration, just shy of the record for a player, and the Giants offered him a club-record \$17 million Tuesday on a dizzying day when 80 players agreed to contracts.

The two-time NL Cy Young Award winner was among 54 players who exchanged figures with their teams, and his request fell short of the record \$22 million requested by Roger Clemens from Houston when he became a free agent and accepted the Astros' arbitration offer before the 2005 season.

At the exchange of arbitration figures, Lincecum set a mark among players with less than six years in the majors, topping Derek

Jeter's \$18.5 million submission in 2001. And the Giants' offer broke the 11year-old club mark of \$14.25 million offered by the Yankees to Jeter that winter.

"I'm overall optimistic that we'll find common ground without a hearing room," Bobby Evans, Giants vice-president of baseball operations, said before seeing Lincecum's filing numbers. "It's a process that begins long before today in terms of conversations about possible deals that work for both sides. That process has continued in a mutual fashion. At this point we haven't reached a conclusion."

Lincecum is eligible for free agency after the 2013 season.

Jays sign trio



The Blue Jays avoided arbitration with right-hander Carlos Villanueva, above, second baseman Kelly Johnson and outfielder Ben Francisco on Tuesday, sign-

Boston designated hitter David Ortiz, who became a free agent and accepted Boston's offer of arbitration, had the second-highest request at \$16.5 million and was offered \$12.65 million by the Red Sox.

Other large amounts in-

ing all three to non-guaranteed one-year deals.

- ▶ Johnson is scheduled to make \$6.375 million US in 2012 while Villanueva agreed to a deal just under \$2.3 million and Francisco is slated to get \$1.537 million.
- Toronto has two arbitration-eligible players remaining — pitchers Casey Janssen and Brandon Morrow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

volved Chicago Cubs pitcher Matt Garza (\$12.5 million vs. \$7.95 million), Philadelphia outfielder Hunter Pence (\$11.8 million vs. \$9 million), Texas World Series star Mike Napoli (\$11.5 million vs. \$8.3 million), Los Angeles Dodgers NL Cy

Young Award winner Clayton Kershaw (\$10 million vs. \$6.5 million) and Baltimore right-hander Jeremy Guthrie (\$10.25 million vs. \$7.25 million).

\$7.25 million).
Garza's \$4.55 million
gap was the largest. All-star
pitchers Chris Perez of
Cleveland and Jair Jurrjens
of Atlanta submitted the
same figures as their teams.

Barring agreements, hearings before three-arbitrator panels will be scheduled for the first three weeks of February. Players won two of three hearings last winter, but teams lead 286-212 since arbitration began in 1974. According to a study by The Associated Press, the 119 players in arbitration averaged a 121 per cent increase last year.





- The Indianapolis Colts have fired coach Jim Caldwell.
- Tigers star Victor Martinez could miss the entire 2012 season after injuring his left knee during off-season conditioning.
- Pittsburgh Penguins defenceman Kris Letang returned to practice Tuesday for the first time since suffering a concussion in late November.
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Australian Open in pictures

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Milos Raonic crushed Italian Filippo Volandri, 6-4, 6-0, 6-2, on Tuesday and joined fellow Canadians Aleksandra Wozniak and Stephanie Dubois in the second round

Li Na advanced to the third round with a 6-2, 6-2 win over Olivia Rogowska on Wednesday, her best run at a major since her breakthrough win at the French Open.

Defending champion Kim Clijsters cruised into the third round on Wednesday and then showed just how much support she has at Rod Laver Arena by getting the crowd to sing Happy Birthday to her younger sister.

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'I hate bugs more than you can imagine'

▶ Insects, not injured ankle or late start, irk Serena

If anything, it was the insects buzzing around Rod Laver Arena that bugged Serena Williams the most.

The injured left ankle held up fine in her opening match Tuesday at the Australian Open, and even the near-midnight start time was OK. But the bugs?

"I hate bugs more than you can imagine," Williams said after reaching the second round by beating Tamira Paszek 6-3, 6-2. "Like, they kept jumping on me. Yuck!"

The match started at 11:32 p.m., and Williams hit a service winner 1 hour, 19 minutes later to finish it off. In between points, though, she picked up and moved or shooed away bugs that landed on court, and two that landed on her back. A big one gave her a



fright, making her hop as she tried to stifle a screech.

"I'm going to request not to play at night anymore because I hate bugs, except for the final. I heard it's at night," Williams said. "I'll try to get used to them."

Two years after she won her last Australian Open title, Williams extended her winning streak to 15 matches at Melbourne Park in the season's first major tournament. She won backto-back titles in 2009 and 2010, but missed the chance to defend her title last year amid a prolonged injury layoff.

The late start was because Williams had to wait until the conclusion of a 4hour men's night match won by Levton Hewitt, And it was her first match since badly spraining her ankle two weeks ago at the Brisbane International, an injury that jeopardized her participation in Melbourne. Monday was the first time she was able to practice pain free, but she still had her lower left leg and ankles heavily taped.

"I don't let anything bother me," she said. "It's definitely different to have the ladies play so late, you know, so we'll see."

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Ottawa	48	26	16	4	2	149	150	58	14-9-0-1	12-7-4-1	8-1-1-0	W1
New Jersey	45	26	17	1	1	126	126	54	12-7-0-1	14-10-1-0	6-3-1-0	W3
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Buffalo	45	19	21	3	2	112	134	43	11-9-3-2	8-12-0-0	2-6-1-1	L2
Montreal	45	17	20	2	6	116	123	42	8-9-2-4	9-12-0-1	4-5-0-1	W1
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Minnesota	46	22	17	2	5	106	118	51	12-6-1-2	10-11-1-3	2-6-0-2	L3
Dallas	45	24	19	0	2	122	129	50	13-8-0-2	11-11-0-0	4-5-0-1	L3
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Phoenix	46	21	18	3	4	120	119	49	9-8-2-1	12-10-1-3	3-3-2-2	W1
Calgary	46	21	20	3	2	111	131	47	13-6-1-1	8-14-2-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Edmonton	45	17	24	1	3	116	131	38	11-7-1-2	6-17-0-1	2-7-1-0	L1
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Last night's results

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First Period

1. Toronto, Lombardi 3 (Connolly, Franson) 6:51 2. Toronto, Lupul 20 (Kessel) 15:35 3. Ottawa, Alfredsson 15 (Michalek, Turris) 19:52 Penalties — Konopka Ott, Brown Tor (fighting) 4:28; Neil Ott (interference) 16:41.

Second Period

Second Period
4. Ottawa, Spezza 20 (Daugavins, Kuba) 16:46
Penalties — Foligno Ott (clipping) 6:50; Foligno Ott (fighting), Phaneuf Tor (roughing, fighting) 13:16.
Third Period

5. Ottawa, Turris 3 (Alfredsson, Cowen) 1:24 Penalties - None Shots

Tonight's games

All Times Eastern Washington at Montreal, 7:30 p.m. Buffalo at Chicago, 7:30 p.m. Florida at Colorado, 9:30 p.m. Phoenix at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

Tomorrow's games Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m. Boston at New Jersey, 7 p.m Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m. N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Nashville at Columbus, 7 p.m. Edmonton at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 8:30 p.m.
Detroit at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Ottawa at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m. Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m. Florida at Chicago, 8:30 p.m. Tampa Bay at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (W,24-13-4); Toronto: Reimer (L,7-5-4). Power plays (goals-chances) — Ottawa: 0-1; Toronto: 0-2. Referees — Gord Dwyer, Stephen Walkom. **Linesmen** — Scott Driscoll, Lonnie Cameron. **Attendance** — 19,615 (18,819) at Toronto.

DEVILS 5, JETS 1

First Period

 New Jersey, Kovalchuk 18 (Parise) 18:59
 Penalty — Slater Wpg (interference) 5:48. Second Period

2. New Jersey, Sykora 11 (Tallinder, Elias) 1:32 3. New Jersey, Clarkson 16 (Elias) 4:48 4. New Jersey, Kovalchuk 19 (Clarkson, Foster)

7:38 (pp)
Penalties — Kane Wpg (high-sticking) 5:34,
Antropov Wpg (elbowing) 7:07, Oduya Wpg
(slashing) 12:14.

5. Winnipeg, Enstrom 3 (Antropov, Wellwood) 8:18 6. New Jersey, Elias 17 (Volchenkov, Sykora) 11:31 Penalty - Zubrus NJ (tripping) 13:08. Shots

Shots Winnipeg 6 7 8 21 New Jersey 9 7 4 20 Goal (shots-saves) — Winnipeg: Mason (L,6-4-0)(15-11), Pavelec (8:46 second)(5-4); New Jer-sey: Brodeur (W,14-10-1), Power plays (goalschances) — Winnipeg: 0-1; New Jersey: 1-4.
Referees — Ian Walsh, Paul Devorski. Lines-

men — Brian Murphy, Derek Nansen. Attendance — 14,129 (17,625) at Newark, N.J.

BLUE JACKETS 4, OILERS 2

First Period
1. Edmonton, Lander 2 (Green, Jones) 7:01 2. Edmonton, Eager 5 (Petry, Hemsky) 8:50

Penalty — Dorsett Clb (unsportsmanlike conduct) 19:39.

Second Period

Second Period
3. Columbus, Johansen 8 (Vermette, Kubalik) 2:37
4. Columbus, Brassard 7 (Nash, Nikitin) 19:59 (pp)
Penalties — Johansen Clb (tripping) 8:36,
Peckham Edm (roughing) 19:01.
Third Period
5. Columbus, MacKenzie 5 (Gillies) 0:32
6. Columbus, Dorsett 8, 19:38 (en-pp)
Penalties — Kubalik Clb (boarding) 9:00, Edmonton banch from many mery served by 0'Vmonton bench (too many men; served by O'-Marra) 19:02.

Shots

Edmonton 9 6 8 1 2
Columbus 9 6 8 1 2
Columbus 6 6 1 10; Columbus: Sanford (W,8-10-3). Power plays (goals-chances) – Edmonton: 0-3; Columbus: 2-2.
Referees — Dennis LaRue, Greg Kimmerly. Derek Amell, Ryan Gallowa Att. - 13.814 (18.144) at Columbus, Obio

SOCCER

ENGLAND

THIRD ROUND — REPLAY
Yesterday's results
Bolton 2 Macclesfield 0
Leicester 4 Nottingham Forest 0
Millwall 5 Dagenham & Redbridge 0
Queens Park Rangers 1 Milton Keyes Dons 0

SCOTLAND

SCOTTISH CUP

FOURTH ROUND — REPLAY Yesterday's results Hamilton 0 St. Mirren 1 Kilmarnock 2 Dundee 1

SPAIN

COPA DEL REY

OUARTER-FINALS — FIRST LEG Vesterday's result Espanyol 3 Mirandes 2

NFL

PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Baltimore (13-4) at New England (14-3), 3 p.m. N.Y. Giants (11-7) at San Francisco (14-3)

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

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Cleveland	6	7	.462	5 ¹ / ₂					
Boston	4	8	.333	7					
Milwaukee	4	9	.308	71/2					
Toronto	4	10	.286	8					
Detroit	3	11	.214	9					
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New Orleans Tonight's games

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Minnesota

Phoenix

Golden State

All Times Eastern San Antonio at Orlando, 7 p.m. Oklahoma City at Washington, 7 p.m. Denver at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Toronto at Boston, 7:30 p.m. Golden State at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m. Phoenix at New York, 7:30 p.m. Memphis at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Detroit at Minnesota, 8 p.m. Portland at Atlanta, 8 p.m. Indiana at Sacramento, 10 p.m. Dallas at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Tomorrow's games

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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New Orleans at Houston, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Miami, 8 p.m. Dallas at Utah, 10:30 p.m.

TENNIS

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

MEN Singles — First Round Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0. Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Ryan Harrison, U.S., 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2.

Italy, 6-2, 6-0, 6-0. Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Ryan Harrison, U.S., 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2. David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Rui Machado, Portugal, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2. David Ferrer (5), Spain, def. Britain, Uzbekistan, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2, 7-5. Janko Tiposarevic (9), Serbia, def. Dania Udom-Choke, Thailand, 6-1, 3-6, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2. Gael Monfils (14), France, def. Dania Udom-Choke, Thailand, 6-1, 3-6, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-2. Andry Roddick (15), U.S., def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4, 6-1. Richard Gasquet (17), France, def. Andreas Seppi, Italy, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1. Yiktor Troick (19), Serbia, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 4-6, 6-7, (3), 6-2, 7-6 (3), 6-2. Milos Raonic (23), Thomhill, Ont., def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2. Kei Nishikori (24), Japan, def. Stephane Robert, France, 6-1, 7-6 (7), 6-0. Marcel Granollers (26), Spain, def. Jesse Levine, U.S., 6-9, 7-6 (4), 5-7, 5-7, 6-3. Juan Ionacio Chela (27), Argentina, def. Michael Russell, U.S., 7-6 (3), 6-3, 6-4. Wilcialas Mabut, France, def. Radek-Stepanek (29), Czech Republic, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3. Alex Bogomolov J. (22), Russia, def. Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, 6-5, 6-2, 6-4. Philipp Petz-Schner, Germany, def. Ludar Rosper-Vasselin, France, def. Xavier Malisse, Belgium, 7-6 (6) (retired). James Duckworth, Australia, def. Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Michael Llodra, France, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-2. Tatsuma Ito, Japan, def. Potito Starace, Italy, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. Ryan Sweeting, J.S., def. Matthias Bachinger, Germany, 6-4, 6-4, 6-2. Andrey Golubey, Kazakhstan, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3. Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Igor Kunitsyn, Russia, 6-1, 7-6 (12), 6-0. Ricardo Mello, Brazil, def. Roberto Bautista-Agut, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-3.

Thomaz Bellurci, Brazil, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 7-6 (5), 6-4, 6-3.
Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Joao Souza, Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (1), 6-2.
Frederico Gil, Portugal, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1, 4-1 (retired).
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, 2-pain, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.
Julien Benneteau, France, def. Karol Beck, Slovalkia, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5.
Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, Germany, 7-5, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
WOMEN

Stebe, Germany, 7-9, 0-4, 3-6, 7-9. WOMEN

Singles — First Round
Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Vera
Dushevina, Russia, 6-2, 6-0.
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. Gisela
Dulko, Argentina, 6-1, 6-0.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Sam Stosur
(6), Australia, 7-6 (2), 6-3, Vera Zvonareva (7), Russia, def. Alexandra
Dulgheru, Romania, 7-6 (4), 6-7 (5), 6-3.
Marion Bartoll (9), France, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 7-5, 6-0.
Seena Williams (12), U.S., def. Tamira
Paszek, Austria, 6-3, 6-2.
Sabine Lisiki (14), Germany, def. Stefanie
Voegele, Switzerland, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (15), Russia, def.

Voegele, SWITZErland, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (15), Russia, def.
Klara Zakopalova, Czech Republic, 7-6 (5), 6-1.
Dominika Cibulkova (17), Slovakia, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-1.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (18), Russia, def.

Chanelle Scheepers, South Africa, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.
Ana Ivanovic (21), Serbia, def. Lourdes
Dominguez Lino, Spain, 6-0, 6-3.
Roberta Vinic (23), Italy, def. Alexandra
Cadantu, Romania, 6-0, 6-1.
Kaia Kanepi (25), Estonia, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.
Maria Kirilenko (27), Russia, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australla, 6-4, 6-2.
Nadia Petrova (29), Russia, def. Andrea
Hlavackova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 3-6, 6-0.
Angelique Kerber (30), Germany, def. Bojana
Bobusic, Australia, 6-1, 6-3.

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sonusr, Australia, 6-1, 6-3. Stephanie Dubois, Laval, Que., def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-4, 1-6, 6-4. Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-3. Greta Arn, Hungary, def. Rebecca Marino, Vancouver, 6-4, 6-2.

Vancouver, 6-4, 6-2.

Shahar Peer, Israel, def. Isabella Holland,
Australia, 6-2, 6-0.
Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, def. Evgeniya
Rodina, Russia, 6-3, 6-1.
Vania King, U.S., def. Kateryna Bondarenko,
Ukraine, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Carla Suarez Navarro, Spain, def. Irina-

Caria Suarez Navarro, Spain, der. Irina-Camelia Begu, Nomania, 6-1, 7-5. Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Anna Chakve-tadze, Russia, 6-2, 6-1. Jamie Hampton, U.S., def. Mandy Minella, Luxembourg, 6-1, 6-1. Sloane Stephens, U.S., def. Silvia Soler-Es-pinosa, Spain, 6-4, 6-2. Sara Errani, Italy, def. Valeria Savinykh, Rus-sia 6-7, 6-1.

Sara Errani, İtaly, def. Valeria Savinykh, Russia, 6-2, 6-1.
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, def. Kristina Barrois, Germany, 6-3 7-6 (13).
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Tamarine Tanasugarn, fhailand, 6-0, 2-6, 6-0.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Alison Riske, U.S., 6-4, 1-6, 6-2.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova, Czech Republic, def. Iryna Bremond, France, 6-0, 6-4.
Zheng Jie, China, def. Madison Keys, U.S., 6-2, 6-1.

EARLY TODAY MFN

MEN
Singles — Second Round
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Olivier
Rochus, Belgium, 6-1, 6-0, 7-6 (4).
Alejandro Falla, Colombia, def. Mardy Fish
(8), U.S., 7-6 (4), 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Kevin Anderson (30), South Africa, def. Sergiy
Stakhovsky, Urania, 3-6, 6-1, 7-6 (3), 6-3,
Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, def. Florent Serra,
France, 7-5, 6-2 (8-2).
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Pere Ribas Snain, 6-1, 4-01 (retired). ba, Spain, 6-0, 4-0 (retired).

Himph Kinischierd, Gelman, del. Fefer M. ba, Spain, 6-0, 4-0 (retired).

WOMEN
Singles — Second Round
Li Na (5), China, def. Olivia Rogowska, Australia, 6-2, 6-12.

Kim (Ijisters (11), Belgium, def. Stephanie Foretz Gacon, France, 6-0, 6-1.

Jelena Jankovic (13), Serbia, def. Chang Kaichen, Taiwan, 6-4, 6-2.

Iveta Benesova, Czech Republic, def. Peng Shuai (16), China, 6-2, 6-4.

Daniela Hantuchova (20), Slovakia, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Anabel Medina Garrigues (26), Spain, def. Olga Govortsova, Belarus, 6-1, 6-0.

Nina Bratchikova, Russia, def. Alberta Brianti, Italy, 6-2, 6-1.

LACROSSE

WEEK THREE
All Times Eastern
Friday's game
Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Rochester, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Calgary, 9 p.m.

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By comparison

Lincoln MKZ

Base price: \$40,000 Stylish Ford Fusionbased model offers all-wheel-drive and hybrid versions.



Nissan Maxima Base price: \$39,500 Great looks and sporty demeanor complement its im-



Toyota AvalonBase price: \$42,700
Camry-based sedan is geared to older drivers looking for a softer ride.





Extra help, when needed

Unlike full-hybrid systems that can operate in electric mode only or in tandem with a gasoline engine counterpart, the eAssist's electric motor/generator, which takes the place of a traditional belt-driven alternator, kicks in when extra thrust is needed.

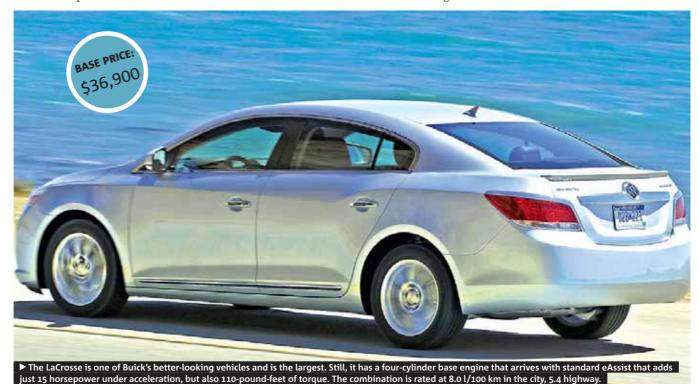
The only time the duo isn't in operation occurs when coasting downhill, while stopped at a light or in the throes of full-on traffic gridlock. Then, the gasoline engine shuts down to conserve fuel, leaving the electric side to run all the necessary accessories, such as the air conditioning.

When the light turns green or the way is clear, the engine fires up once the brake pedal is released.

Power outputs

The eAssist electric motor-generator, now standard on all LaCrosse models, replaces the traditional alternator and draws on a lithium-ion battery pack to boost the 182-horsepower (and 172 pound-feet of torque) 2.4-litre gasoline engine by an additional 15 horsepower and 110 pound-feet or torque.

It also generates an additional 15 kilowatts of power by recovering the energy produced from braking and converting it into electrical energy to help recharge the batteries.



Bigger doesn't always mean better for Buick



For traditional Buick lovers, their world must seem a truly bewildering place

Buyers of the brand's big floaty sedans used to shop for Park Avenues, LeSabres and, until recently, Lucernes.

But that large barge has now sailed, taking with it the last vestiges of what once made Buick the final word in upper-mid-range opulence.

General Motors has retooled its formerly moribund Buick brand and infused it with some particularly tasty small-scale products that offer style and fuel economy, while placing trailer-towing ca-

pacity in the forget-aboutit bucket.

Other than the popular Enclave wagon, the largest vehicle in the fleet is now the LaCrosse, a model that received a complete makeover for the 2010 model year and is currently one of the classiest looking four-doors around.

But following two years in service, there are major changes in store for this model, as well as its Regal relation, that promise to make both models significantly more fuel efficient.

The upgrade is called eAssist, a name that describes what GM calls its "light electrification" technology, but in other circles is best described as a mild hybrid.





An electric motor takes the place of the alternator and applies an extra 15 horsepower via a ribbed belt. The 115-volt lithium-ion power pack within the silver box weighs about as a much as a typical 12-volt automotive battery.

Buick LaCrosse



What you should know about the 2012 Buick LaCrosse:

- Types: Four-door, front-/all-wheel-drive sedan.
- Engine (hp): 2.4-litre DOHC I4 (182) with electric motor (15); 3.6-litre DOHC V-6 (303).
- Transmission: Six-speed automatic.
- Market position: The LaCrosse represents a compromise in hybrid vehicles as it doesn't operate exclusively on battery power. However its impressive fuel economy combines with plenty of luxury features at a reasonable price.
- Mileage: L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.0/5.4 (2.4).







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9-5 boasted performance, mileage, refinement

SECOND GFAR



Available in wagon (Sport-Combi) and sedan configurations, the most recent Saab 9-5 benefitted from a loyal but niche owners community who bought the machine largely for its distinctive character, refinement and exclusivity.

This isn't a car you'll see every day. The latest complete generation of the Saab 9-5 was available to Canadian shoppers from model years 2006 to 2009.



Engine

All models were powered by a 2.3-litre four-cylinder engine with turbocharger, which generated 260 horsepower. Transmissions were all five-speed units in the driver's choice of manual or automatic.

What owners like

Many online 9-5 drivers have numerous positive things to say about their rides. Styling, mileage, refinement, ride quality, handling and spaciousness are all highly rated.

What owners dislike

Complaints centre around rattles as the vehicle ages, a lack of cupholders and a "cheap" feel to some of the vehicle — including the doors. Easily-marked plastic surfaces within the cabin are also noted.

Common issues

Pop the hood and check the condition of the 9-5's engine oil.

Numerous owners have reported engine failure as a result of oil sludge — a problem which could be amplified if the factory oil-change schedule wasn't adhered to.

Sputtering acceleration or lumpy power delivery at moderate or full throttle could be the result of a problem with an ignition system component.

Verdict

The 9-5 has a list of issues to be aware of — though many an owner say these are far outweighed by a great driving experience, generous performance and overall comfort. A dealer-serviced 9-5 with proof of frequent oil-changes and remaining warranty is your safest bet.



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Crossword

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12 Payable

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14 A Great Lake

15 "CSI" evidence 16 Karate level

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37 Huff and puff

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44 Clear the tables

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55 Time of your life?

56 Peru's capital 57 Stench

58 Expert

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60 Nervous 61 Corral

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23 Meat contaminant 25 Ninny

26 Crucial time 27 Harvard's rival

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Sudoku

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Yesterday's answer ▶

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Daniela

Danii! Your the best! thanks fro beingggg theree for me always.. Love youuuuuuuu so much!!! BFFF!

YOUR BEST FRIEND

mamabear

To my wonderful mother, It has been a wild 20 years. I'm so grateful to have you as my mother. Thanks for being there and being awesome. We can get through anything! We just have to fiaht it. Problems are iust setbacks; speed bumps that slow us down:) I love you!! DAUGHTERBEAR

BigHead, u still make my heart go pitter patter. Some things never change. *BK KISSES* LOVE U. SPANKY

A look at the weather

TODAY

THURSDAY



Andrew Schultz, Meteorologist

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"I get to spread the word on how your day, evening or weekend will shape up with our ever-changing weather here in Alberta". WEEKDAYS 5:30AM



Today's horoscope

T Aries March 21-April 20

You need to approach what you are working on in a more balanced way. Slow down a bit. Taurus April 21-May 21

With Mars on your side, you feel like you could take on the world and win. Maybe you can. Try it.

II Gemini May 22-June 21 The fact that you are the only one in your social group who takes a particular viewpoint does not mean vou are wrong.

⊙ Cancer June 22-July 22

You may have to act tough or in some other way apply pressure to get what you want.

Ω Leo July 23-Aug.23

Life is good and getting better, so why are you still focusing on things that went wrong while ignoring things that went right?

MP Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Mars in your sign turns retrograde in a few days, so focus energy on actually getting things done. **← Libra** Sept. 23-0ct. 23

You may be tempted to cut corners a bit today but if you do, you may rearet it next week.

M Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You've never been the sort to

worry what others think. and you're not about to change.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

₹ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Tackle a task or objective that

you might not feel you're able to

master at most other times.

V Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 This is the perfect occasion to revisit something you failed at earlier. This time, you'll succeed.

Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Seems you're having trouble keeping a desire of some sort under wraps. Why would you want to? H Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Because Mars is moving through your opposite sign at the moment, it may feel as if the whole world is





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